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SUBJ: LEFTIST PARTY REQUESTS LEGAL RECOGNITION

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1. THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC UNION (UNIAO DEMOCRATICA POPULAR--UDP) PRESENTED NAMES OF 6160 REGISTERED VOTERS TO SUPREME COURT FEBRUARY 10 TO DOCUMENT ITS REQUEST FOR LEGAL RECOGNITION AS A POLITICAL PARTY. UDP CLAIMS TWO-THIRDS OF SIGNATURES FROM INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND ANNOUNCED IT WILL HOLD ITS FIRST CONGRESS IN EARLY MARCH TO APPROVE PROGRAM AND ELECT CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. UDP IS FIRST PARTY OF FAR LEFT TO REQUEST RECOGNITION. UDP FORMED IN LATE 1974 BY UNION OF THREE TROTSKYITE GROUPS WHICH OPERATED CLANDESTINELY PRIOR TO CAETANO'S OVERTHROW. THEY ARE (A) COMITE DE APOIO A RECONSTRUCAO DO PARTIDO (MARXISTA-LENINISTA) (CARP-ML) WHICH SUPPORTS PERIODICALS "LUTA COMUNISTA" AND "A VOZ DO POVO"; (B) UNIDADE REVOLUCIONARIA MARXISTA-LENINISTA (URML), WHICH PUBLISHES "FOLHA COMUNISTA"; AND (C) COMITES
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COMUNISTAS REVOLUCIONARIOS MARXISTAS-LENINISTAS WHICH IDENTIFIED

WITH PUBLICATION "CAUSA OPERARIA."

3. UDP CLEARLY SEEKING TO ESTABLISH POLITICAL CLAIM ON VOTERS TO LEFT OF COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP). ALSO OPPOSES OTHER PARTIES OF LEFT, INCLUDING SOCIALISTS, MDP, MES, AND MRPP.

4. COMMENT: UDP ACCOMPLISHED REMARKABLE FEAT IN ACQUIRING 6,000 SIGNATURES ON SHORT NOTICE WITH LITTLE FANFARE. PROCESS OF ACQUIRING SIGNATURES COMPLICATED BY PROCEDURAL STEPS AND ABILITY TO DO SO IS EVIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY. SIGNIFICANCE OF UDP, ACCORDING TO LISBON LABOR LAWYER WITH CLOSE TIES TO LEFT, IS THAT UDP HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS IN CHALLENGING PCPS DOMINATION OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT. UDP COULD, THEREFORE, CONSTITUTE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE FROM FAR LEFT TO PCP'S LABOR ACTIVITIES.
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